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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121

This is in response to a restriction requirement of March 14, 2006 wherein the Examiner identified the following groups of claims as being separate inventions: Group I including Claims 1-13 drawn to a magnetic storage device, classified in class 428, subclass 836+, and Group II including Claims 14-24 drawn to a method of making a magnetic storage device utilizing heating, classified in class 427, subclass 598.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the Group I Claims 1-13, and to withdraw the Group II claims from further consideration.

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